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## REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication of May 5, 2006, the following provides the required response including a specific election for variables R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, and corrects and clarifies applicant's previous response to the election requirement of February 13, 2006.

Applicant confirms the election of the composition of Example 3 on page 30 of the specification. Example 3 shows the preparation of a fluorinated polyether isocyanate derived silane made form the reaction of three components, one mole of the monovalent polyfluoropolyether called HFPO-oligomeric ester, one mole of APD and two moles of NCO-silane. These components are shown on page 26 in the Glossary of the application.

The above election thus corresponds to the following terms used in generic claims 1, 18 and 22. In formula I, since y is 0, T', k' and Q' are absent;  $R_f$  is a monovalent polyfluoropolyether shown specifically as the only monovalent component in claim 10; Q is a chemical bond and T is an isocyanate reactive group: -CONHCH(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OH. In formula II, since x is 0, R' is absent; T" is -NCO, Q" is a divalent linking group: -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, and Y is - (OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>. Thus  $R^1$  is hydrogen and  $R^2$  is an alkanol, in this case, an alkanediol.

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The following claims are readable at least in part on the elected species: 1-6, 10-18 and 21-23.

The present response is accompanied with the appropriate petition for extension and fee.

Prosecution on the merits of the present application is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to clarify any outstanding matters to advance the prosecution of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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